

BABE REMEMBERS WAY TO GROUNDS

Youthful Pachyderm of 110 Hits the Trail From Train to Tent Without Any Guidance.

NOT HER FIRST VISIT TO CITY

Barnum & Bailey's Show, Bigger, Better and More Gorgeous Than Ever, Is In Rock Island.

Babe, a 110-year-old youngster with Barnum & Bailey's elephants, lumbered down the gangway from one of the elephant cars at the foot of Twelfth street this morning upon the arrival of the circus, with the grace of a paper-hanger reaching a rear seat in a crowded trolley car. Behind her swayed over a score of other elephants. Keepers stood by and watched them.

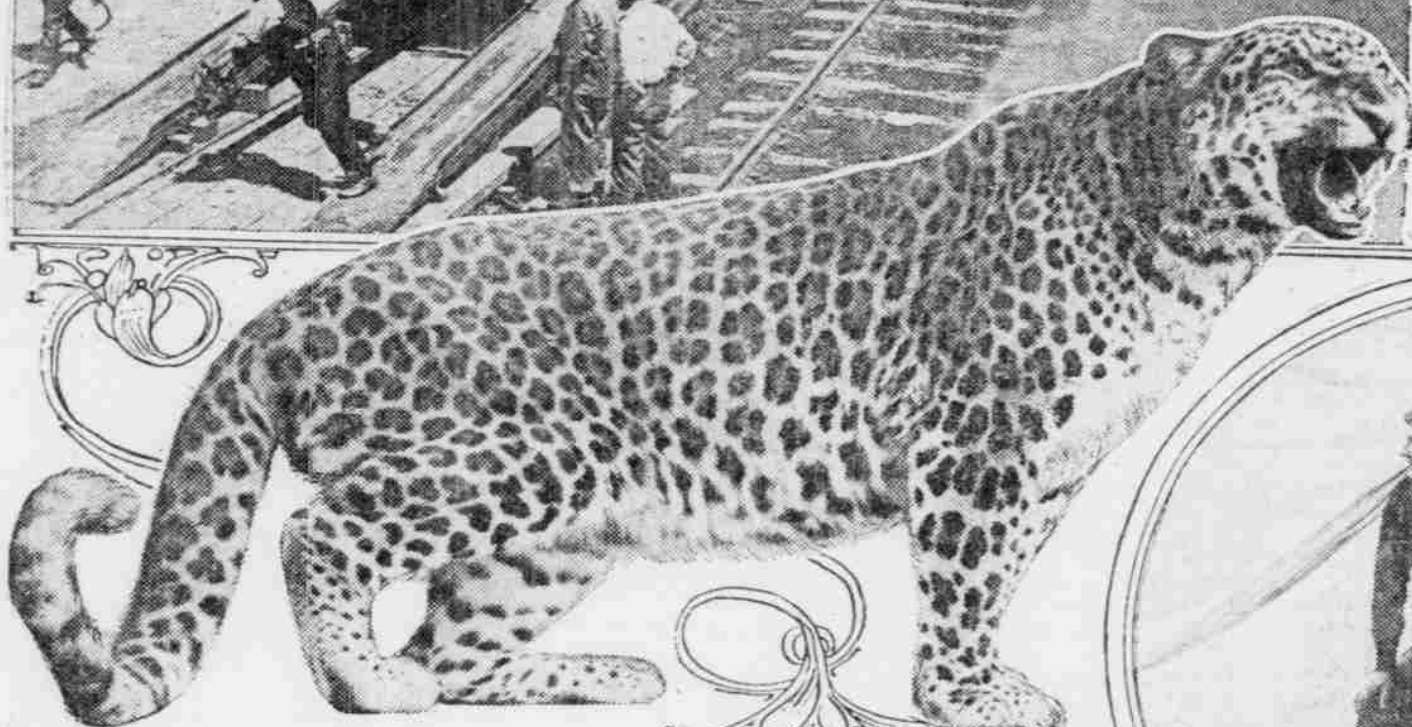
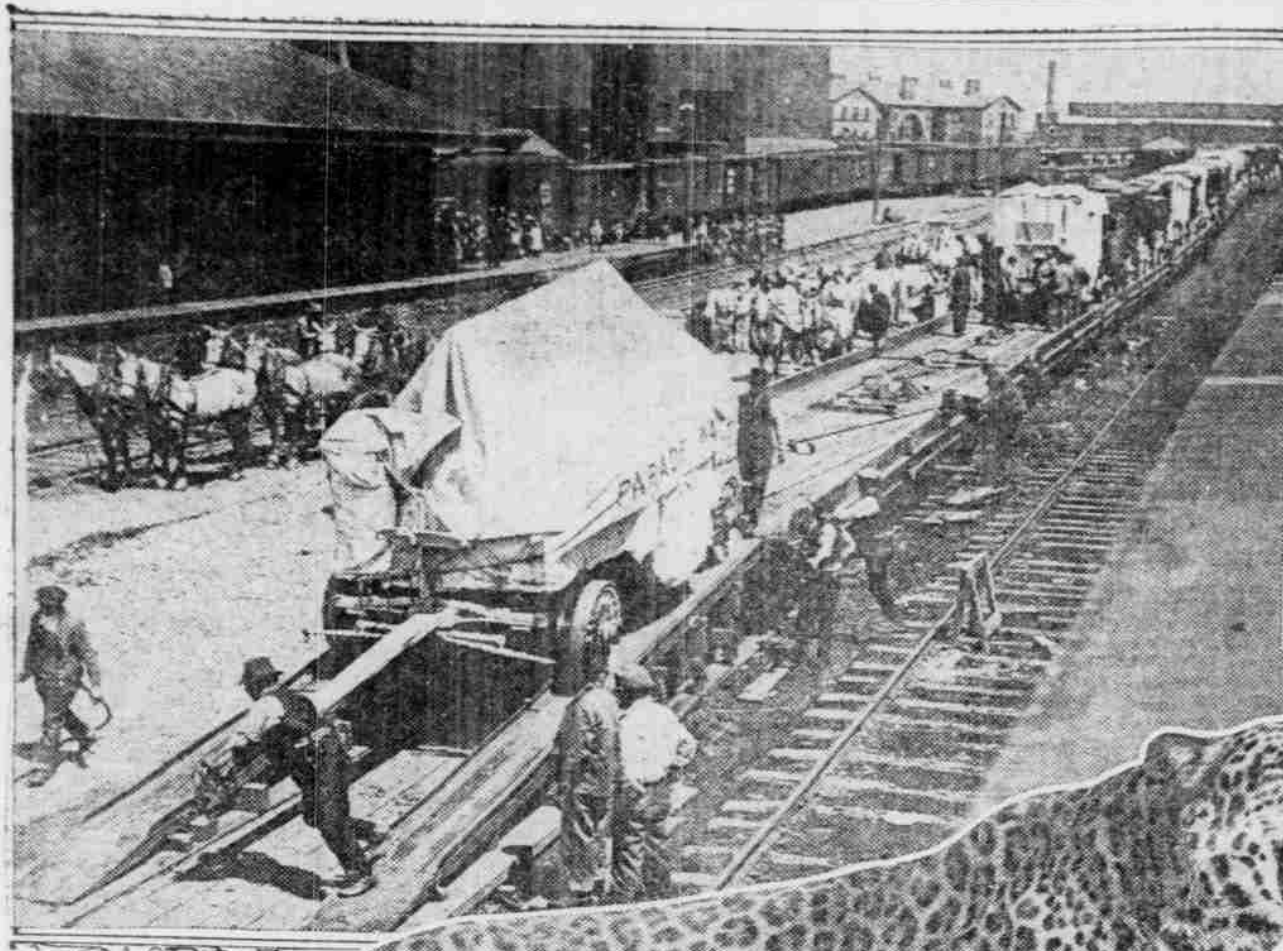
"Let's see if Babe knows the way?" they said.

"Srk-srk-ph-roaw-w-umph!" trumpeted the gargantuan creature as she went stepping it off up the street. Did Babe know the way? You just bet your last jitney she did. She hit the trail to the show grounds with all the readiness of a beagle upon the trail of a rabbit. Babe's precociousness can be explained by the fact that she has been here before, and the pachyderm that couldn't remember the trail from the railroad yards to the hay pile in the menagerie tent would be a plain, unmitigated bonehead. But give Babe credit. There was a cockatoo in the circus zoo 116 years old, named Lucretia Borgia, and Lucretia had to be caged and hauled to the grounds. Ages considered, Babe did pretty well for a 110-year-old youngster.

Here, Before Daybreak.

The circus arrived early this morning from La Salle, the first of the four long trains arriving before daybreak. Detraining commenced immediately upon arrival and the route which Babe took early this morning was an almost continual line of elephants, red wagons and people from daybreak until long after the average breakfast hour. You hear people say that only small towns fall for the circus stuff these days; that city people won't get up at daybreak to watch men in their undershirts drive stakes and stretch canvas. You hear these things but you mustn't believe them. Hundreds awaited the arrival of the circus this morning and later scurried around the show grounds prior to the parade with all the curiosity of a crowd at a county fair. They peered under the canvas covers of the red wagons and lifted up tent flaps where unostentatious hunchback riders were sorting over their finery and solemn-looking clowns were froning out their smiles preparing for the parade. They stuck their heads into the mess tent—got a whiff from the cooking ranges and exclaimed: "My stars, they've got steak for breakfast." Just as if that was the most extraordinary thing in the world. Over 1,200 persons breakfasted in the circus dining tent this morning and housewives who worry lest the breakfast flap-jacks are not cooked to suit the head of the house should be thankful they do not have to prepare the circus breakfast with its army of gargantuan appetites. After the de-

Some of the Things Seen in Rock Island on Circus Day



training and erection of the canvas city came the parade.

The Parade.

Lives there a man with soul so dead, who never to the crowd has said:

"Yep; that's the band coming, all right. Let's squeeze a little farther forward and take on a few more cubits and—"

"Oh, now don't those men look nice in those spic and span costumes. Who do you suppose they are, with banners and gonfalons and trumpets and all? The heralds, to be sure; the heralds."

"Now ain't that wagon just grand! Look at all that gold flagree work all over it. My! My! Wonder what's in there—and in that one behind it? Bet it's a—"

"Oh, isn't she just too lovely for anything! Didn't they pick out a nice looking girl to be the first lady in the parade?"

A regular polo girl with two horses, driven tandem, shining and sparkling. And here are more, and more of them, all gayly attired. Here they are in gold and scarlet, blue and orange, at-

tended by courtiers bold, in brave array.

And so they come. Band chariots and open cages with wild animals, together with closed and mysterious wagons which even the most curious juvenile eyes could not hope to penetrate. Beautiful specimens of lions there were that seemed meek and peaceful enough; magnificent tigers, restless and superb; alluring leopards that seemed as tame as house cats; and fierce hyenas that paced their cages with tragic monotony. Floats and tableaux wagons typical of many countries and illustrating many legends passed in review. A whole regiment of clowns in nondescript make-up made the crowds chuckle and put joy into the small boy's heart and being. Camels—lots of them—with men dressed in Bedouin costume riding in the valleys of the humps plodded patiently by, and there was a long string of elephants with men in East Indian costumes bobbing up and down on the heads of the huge beasts trundling on. And, then—

The inevitable callopie, welcome, but all too soon coming, for it meant the end of the glittering cavalcade, which struck the bulls-eye of popular approval.

Much That Is New.

A performance is being given this afternoon with all the splendor of color and magnificence that the Barnum & Bailey folk can conjure up, and it will be repeated in its entirety at 8 o'clock tonight. In the big show this year is much that is new and the diverting program starts with a procession of the "Thousand and One Nights." Over 1,000 persons with hordes of horses over a score of elephants and two caravans of camels take part in this colorful review, after which come the erenic numbers. The circus has specialized in trained animal numbers and they range from an elephant brass band to trained rats, cats and doves. The slide for life is done by a big black cat sliding down a wire from the top of the tent with a rat in its mouth. There are bears who roller skate and ride bicycles—somersaulting parrots and cockatoos who also ride bicycles and dance the tango—equestrian baboons and fox terriers—James Teddy, world's champion jumper, who specializes on picket fences—Richard Hannaford, premier equestrian—Ella Bradina with her circus in miniature—the posing horses, ponies and dogs—the horse ballerina, in which horses dance in time and step with pretty girls—a Chinese circus given by three troupes from the Imperial circus at Peking and innumerable feature acts in all lines given by the very aristocracy of the circus world. More than ever before the circus justifies its title of the greatest show on earth.

Special Taxation Notice.

General No. 396.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the city council of Rock Island, Ill., having ordered that Railroad avenue, from Forty-sixth to Forty-fifth street, Forty-fifth street from Railroad avenue to Tenth avenue, and Tenth avenue from Forty-fifth to Forty-fourth street, be paved with brick blocks, and the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, and said city having applied to the county court of Rock Island county, Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvement, according to the frontage of the property assessed along the line of improvement, said assessment being payable in eight installments, each bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and an assessment therefor having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 21st day of August, A. D. 1916, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

Dated Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 2, 1916.
WILLIAM L. GAULEY,
Officer Appointed to Make the Assessment.

John K. Scott, city attorney.

COMPANY A TO GO ON SPECIAL TRAIN

Sterling, Morrison and Genesee Troops Will Come Here to Board Cars on Burlington for Springfield.

DUNAVIN BACK FROM LA SALLE

Major Returns to Rock Island and Expects Sixth Regiment to Make Fine Showing at State Capital.

Company A will leave Rock Island for Springfield over the Burlington route tomorrow night, arriving in the state capital for 12 days' encampment at 7 o'clock Saturday morning.

The boys from Sterling, Morrison and Genesee will come to Rock Island and board a special train with the local troops. Captain Ben Benson expects to take about 65 men. Federal inspection will be made of the Fifth and Sixth regiments while they are encamped at Springfield.

Major Ed Dunavin returned from La Salle yesterday after the last three companies of the Sixth regiment on strike duty there were ordered back to their bases. Major Dunavin believes that the five companies of the Sixth which have been in La Salle will make the finest showing at Springfield because of the training they have received while on strike duty. Their duties in La Salle were confined solely to drills as there were no disturbances.

Cost \$950 a Day.

La Salle, Ill., Aug. 3.—Acting under orders from Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson, the three companies of militia that had remained in La Salle departed for their respective bases yesterday. The Sterling company went north on the Illinois Central; the Oak Park company east on the Rock Island, and the Galesburg boys went west on the Rock Island.

General Dickson in discussing the situation said:

"The militia have been in La Salle now 30 days and the cost of maintaining the troops here averaged about \$950 a day, thus you will see that up to date the cost has amounted to almost \$20,000. A consideration of the cost would not be so important if the troops were actually needed here, but it is a fact that since the boys came there has been nothing in the shape of rioting.

"The thing that was expected to cause a disturbance, the reoperation of the work train on the 'Q,' failed to produce anything approaching disorder, and today, on the surface at least, everything is quiet.

Troops Directed By Sheriff.

"You will understand that while the troops have been here they have been under the direction of the civil authorities, represented by Sheriff Davis of Ottawa. Yesterday the sheriff canvassed the situation, and after a conference had been held, he decided to ask for a return of the troops to their respective bases. The sheriff addressed letters to the mayors of La Salle and Oglesby informing them that hereafter upon their shoulders must rest the immediate responsibility of keeping order in their respective cities, that the sheriff would assist in quelling any trouble that might occur, but that primarily the duty would be imposed upon the police officers of La Salle and Oglesby."

General Dickson was summoned

HOUSEWIVES BEGIN NEW WAR ON FLIES

Chicago, Aug. 3.—"Make the fly fly swell up and burst," is the new slogan in Evanston, a Chicago suburb.

Dr. W. Lee Lewis, city chemist and a professor at Northwestern university has sent housekeepers the following bulletin:

"Darken every window in your house but one. The flies, seeking the light, will congregate about the undarkened window. When a suitable convention has been gathered, get out the vacuum cleaner and set it going. The machine will suck up enough air to rarify the atmosphere and the flies will swell up and burst. To put it scientifically they will die of apoplexy."

Housekeepers say the plan works.

White Gloves.

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POLICE NEAR RECORD FOR FINES IN MONTH

Rock Island police department came within \$55 of the record established a year ago in monthly amount of fines, when in July \$1,552.15 was placed in the city coffers as a result of pecu-

niary penalties inflicted. In July, 1915, the amount of fines was \$1,579.

There were 323 cases tried in police court, 269 being city and 54 state. Forty-two ambulance calls and 332 patrol calls were made. Twenty lodgers were given bunks. Police report 50 lights in the city out for a total of 450 hours.

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